

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

In the Matter of:)	
)	OAH File No.: 20080025
Bruce A. Hager,)	
NPN 658461,)	CONSENT ORDER
DOB: 4/19/56,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

Commissioner of Insurance Adam Hamm (hereinafter "Commissioner") has determined as follows:

1. As a result of information obtained by the North Dakota Insurance Department (hereinafter "Department") regarding the conduct of Bruce A. Hager, NPN 658461, DOB 4/19/56 (hereinafter "Respondent"), the Commissioner has considered scheduling a formal hearing to determine whether Respondent's conduct as alleged constitutes a basis for imposition of a civil penalty or any other action the Commissioner deems necessary. Respondent's conduct is alleged to be in violation of N.D. Cent. Code §§26.1-26-15 and 26.1-26-42(5) and (6).

2. N.D. Cent. Code § 26.1-26-15 states:

26.1-26-15. License requirement - Character. An applicant for any license under this chapter must be deemed by the commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, finally responsible, and of good personal and business reputation.

3. N.D. Cent. Code § 26.1-26-42 states, in part:

26.1-26-42. License suspension, revocation, or refusal - Grounds. The commissioner may suspend, revoke, place on probation, or refuse to continue or refuse to issue any license issued under this chapter if, after notice to the licensee and hearing, the commissioner finds as to the licensee any of the following conditions:

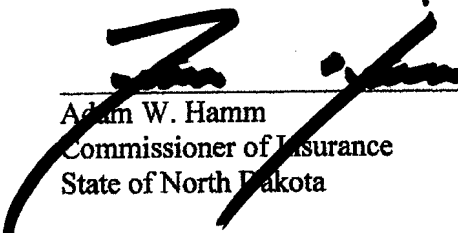
5. The applicant or licensee has been convicted of a felony or convicted of an offense, as defined by section 12.1-01-04, determined by the commissioner to have a direct bearing upon a person's ability to serve the public as an insurance producer, insurance consultant, or surplus lines insurance producer, or the commissioner finds, after conviction of an offense, that the person is not sufficiently rehabilitated under section 12.1-33-02.1.
 6. In the conduct of affairs under the license, the licensee has used fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or has shown oneself to be incompetent, untrustworthy, or finally irresponsible.
4. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over these proceedings pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code §§ 26.1-01-03 and 26.1-26-452 and N.D. Cent. Code Chapter 28.32.
5. The Respondent is presently, and has been at all times pertinent to this action, a licensed North Dakota resident insurance agent.
6. Laurie A. Wolf is the former Director of the Licensing and Investigations Division for the North Dakota Insurance Department, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.
7. Peggy Brintnell is the current Director of the Licensing and Investigations Division for the North Dakota Insurance Department, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.
8. Laurie A. Wolf and other employees of the Department have investigated the alleged illegal activity of the Respondent.
9. N.D. Cent. Code Chapter 26.1-26 governs the qualifications and procedures for the licensing of insurance agents in the State of North Dakota.
10. N.D. Cent. Code § 26.1-26-15 requires that an applicant for any license must be deemed by the Commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, finally responsible, and of good personal and business reputation.

11. On September 28, 2007, Respondent appeared in Cass County District Court and entered guilty pleas to four Class B felony counts of the sale of unregistered securities under N.D.C.C. § 10-04-04 and four Class B felony counts of acting as an unregistered agent under N.D.C.C. § 10-04-10. The court accepted Respondent's guilty pleas. The sentence imposed in each of the counts is imprisonment for a period of one year, with six months in the custody of the Cass County Sheriff and the balance of six months suspended for a period of 10 years. Respondent's action, as acknowledged by his guilty pleas, constitute violations of N.D.C.C. § 26.1-26-42(5) and are grounds for revocation of Respondent's insurance agent license.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's resident insurance agent license is hereby **REVOKED** effective upon the Commissioner's execution of this Order;
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1000; and
2. The use of this Consent Order for competitive purposes by an insurance agent or agency holding a license in the State of North Dakota, or by any company holding a Certificate of Authority, or by anyone on their behalf, may be deemed unfair competition and be grounds for suspension or revocation of said license or authority.

DATED at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of January, 2008/9



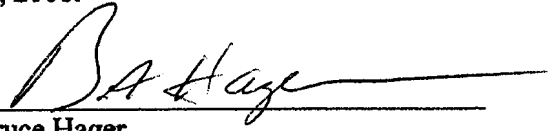
Adam W. Hamm
Commissioner of Insurance
State of North Dakota

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

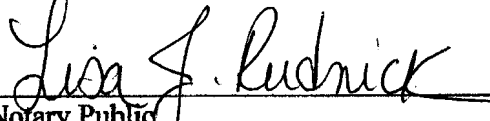
The undersigned, **Bruce Hager**, states that he has read the foregoing Consent Order, that he knows and fully understands its contents and effect; that he has been advised of his right to a

hearing in this matter, his right to be represented by legal counsel, his right to present evidence and arguments to the Commissioner, and his right to appeal from an adverse determination after hearing; and that by the signing of this Consent to Entry of Order he waives those rights in their entirety, and consents to entry of this Order by the Commissioner of Insurance. It is further expressly understood that this Order constitutes the entire settlement agreement between the parties hereto, there being no other promises or agreements, either expressed or implied.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008.


Bruce Hager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December, 2008.


Notary Public

